



## **WC: 27/11/2023**

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **This week at NUSA:**

Another great week for us at NUSA. We held our interviews this week for Prefects and once again the panel were super impressed with all of the students. We also held our Y11 parents evening and were really pleased with the turn out. If you are the parent/carer of a Y11 child and you were not able to attend, please get in touch with Miss Hemm – [lhemm@nusa.org.uk](mailto:lhemm@nusa.org.uk) so that we can update you on your child's progress.

As announced a few months ago, I will be leaving NUSA on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. Whilst a new headteacher is being recruited, Miss Backhouse will be picking up the Headship at NUSA temporarily. I know she will do an amazing job.

### **New dinner cost:**

Unfortunately, due to rising food costs, our catering provider, Aspens, have informed us that they will need to increase the dinner tariff from £2.60 to £2.70 from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. This will automatically be increased for all students who are in receipt of a free school meal.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers Christmas**

Nottingham City are sending to us a voucher of £45 for each student, that is currently eligible for free school meals. This will cover the 3 week Christmas break, starting on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

For all of those that received free school meal vouchers for October Half Term 2023, you will receive another voucher for Huggg, to cover the break and will be sent to the same email address, you do not need to do anything else, relax. Completing the form again where you have received vouchers, will cause a delay to you in receiving vouchers, as it impacts the vouchers being processed. So please do not do this.

For those that are eligible, that **did not** receive vouchers, have additional children join our school since the last vouchers were sent, or that have questions, please read the below.

### **Q&A**

#### **My child is not entitled to free school meals – should I complete the form anyway?**

No – the data is checked against that received from the local authority and your response will be deleted and reported.

#### **I received vouchers for October 2023, from NUSA – should I still complete the form?**

No, please do not apply again where you received vouchers for October 2023, you will automatically receive them for Christmas 2023. Reapplying **will** cause a delay in receiving your voucher(s). Rest assured, where you received them during the last holiday, you will be included automatically. **Unless** you have a child now at NUSA, that has joined year 7 for example. In this scenario you should complete the form, but just for the child you need to add.

## **My child is eligible for Free School Meals, but I did not receive them from NUSA for October 2023, how do I receive them for Christmas 2023?**

Please [click here](#) and complete the form. Ensure you input all of your information carefully.

### **If I need to complete the form, when must I do this by?**

Midnight on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### **What is the value of the vouchers?**

£15 per week, per eligible child.

### **I did not receive a voucher previously; can I receive my other vouchers now?**

No, vouchers that were available for previous holidays have now expired. We only have vouchers relating to the upcoming break.

### **When will I receive the vouchers?**

Vouchers will be issued before 4pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## **Attention ALL- This will take just 30 seconds to read and is a fantastic opportunity!**

We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver **Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses** to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own careers.

Here's some of the most popular subjects available:

- **Neuroscience in the Early Years**
- **Children and Young Peoples Mental Health**
- **Understanding Autism**
- **Specific Learning Difficulties**
- **Bullying in Children and Young People**
- **Nutrition and Health**
- **Adverse Childhood Experiences**
- **Mental Health Awareness**
- **Counselling**
- **Team Leading**
- **Business Administration**
- **Lean Organisation Management**
- **Customer Service**
- **Functional Skills - Maths**
- **Functional Skills - English**
- **Level 3 Diploma - Children and Young People's Workforce (Must be in TA/LSA role)**

These are just the popular qualifications, but they have over 30 available!

The qualifications are completed within a 6–12 week period in your own leisure. They are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C. You can do as many as you like, however you can only do one at a time.

### **The only criteria you must meet to be eligible, is:**

Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2023

Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years

Not already on a Government funded course

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online courses or would like further information, then please complete the following link **ASAP**. This will then allow The AIM Group to contact you to discuss and

get you started on your chosen course:

<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/001Q5000003jQul>

If you have any questions prior to expressing interest, call **Shane Cooke on 0203 923 4013** or drop him an email at **shane.cooke@theaimgroup.co.uk**

### **SEND Drop ins:**

We offer a number of 'SEND drop ins' throughout the year for parents/carers. These are open to any parent/carer who may want to discuss their child's SEND needs further or parents/carers who have concerns that their children may have SEND needs that are yet to be diagnosed. If you wish to book an appointment in one of the slots below, please contact reception.

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| <b>Wednesday SEND<br/>Drop in dates:</b> |
| 17/01/2024                               |
| 07/02/2024                               |

### **Coming up at NUSA:**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Event</b>   |
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| 07/12/23    | Christmas Jumper day   |
| 12/12/23    | Christmas dinner   |
| 14/12/23    | Christmas Rewards trip                                       |
| 15/12/23    | Final day of term – school finishes at 12pm for all students |

### **Safeguarding corner:**

#### **From Safety Net: Online Safety**

There is a real and growing concern of how many young people find it ok to share inappropriate images online. It is leading to so many becoming vulnerable to potential exploitation, blackmail and harm from a young age, leaving a lasting digital footprint. If you share it, you are involved.

On this page: [Parent Guides | Skips Safety Net \(skipseducational.org\)](#) you will find lots of useful guides for reinforcing online safety practices. If you scroll down you'll find a Parent's Guide to Social media and a Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Emma Howard